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For: CUT OFF METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BAND-LIKE PAPER AND CONTROL  
APPARATUS FOR THE SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the  
application as follows: